

**SCAVENGER**

**HUNT**

**THE FOUR SEASONS**

**NAME:**

**Directions:** The season of winter began on December 21. Do you

know what causes the changing seasons? Explore the Web site

provided. Then type the missing word or words in the blanks

below.

**Web Resources:** Seasons

http://www.learninghaven.com/science/articles/seasons.htm

1. The seasons are caused by a combination of Earth’s      ,

Earth’s      , and the effects of       and       sunlight.

1. Earth’s       is the path Earth takes around the sun.
2. Earth’s       is the way Earth spins on its axis.
3. sunlight produces more heat than       sunlight.
4. When Earth’s Northern Hemisphere points toward the sun,       occurs in the Northern Hemisphere and       occurs in the Southern Hemisphere.

**Something to think about:** How does the shape of Earth’s orbit affect the seasons?

**Learn More:** For more help understanding the changing seasons, look at the animation of Earth’s Seasons at <http://kids.msfc.nasa.gov/earth/seasons/EarthSeasons.asp>.